

- (b) if so, the details thereof; country-wise;
- (c) whether Government are facing any difficulties in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken to resolve such issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):
(a) to (e) The trade data of all commodities to and from all countries including handicrafts is being captured on the basis of ITC(HS) classifications of Export and Import items. These codes are revised by the M/o Finance after consultation with the concerned Ministers as and when felt necessary or on receiving the proposal submitted by the stock holder.

Rate contract by DGS&D

2285. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that DGS&D is responsible for the core activity of concluding rate contracts for all items of common use in Government officers;
- (b) if so, the details of the procedure followed and the items of common use;
- (c) how it is ensured that only good quality items are selected for rate contracts, for efficient performance;
- (d) whether Government offices are allowed to make purchases from open market, if the items are available in the market at lower rates than the rate contract; and
- (e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):
(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The detailed procedure for concluding rate contracts is laid down in chapter 13 of DGS&D Manual, which is a priced publication and is also available on the DGS&D Website (<http://dgsnd.gov.in>).

(c) The Consultative Committee (comprising of indentors, suppliers and DGS&D Quality Assurance) Mechanism facilitates the selection of good quality items for rate contracts.

(d) The Government departments/Officers are normally expected to meet their requirements of stores through DGS&D Rate contract. However as per GFR Rule 147(1), Government Officer can go for purchases for open market, if items are available at lower rates than the rate contract provided the other salient terms and conditions of the purchase are in line with those specified in the rate contract.

(e) Does not arise.

Reducing export quota of steel

2286. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the export quota of steel industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir. There is no quota or restrictions on exports of iron and steel.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of land for industries

†2287. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural land, Government land and forest land acquired for establishment of industries in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the number of farmers affected thereby in each State;

(c) the land out of the above land used by the Industrial Development Corporations in the three States; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.